

Samuel Colt House (Armsmear)
80 Wethersfield Avenue
Hartford
Hartford County
Connecticut

HABS No. CT-357

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STATE Connecticut	COUNTY Hartford	TOWN OR VICINITY Hartford
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) Samuel Colt House		HABS NO. CT-357
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE Armsmear		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 80 Wethersfield Avenue		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1855 (National Register of Historic Places, 1976)		ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE)
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) Built for Samuel Colt, inventor of the colt revolver and pioneer in mass production techniques This revolver was popularized during the Mexican War.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Eclectic Victorian, resembling Italian villa		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Brick, stuccoed		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) 2 stories, modified rectangle with pavillions and three-five story towers		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Low-pitched roof, heavy bracketed cornice, round-arched doors and windows, iron balconies, Italianate details, Turkish domes and pinnacles		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED)		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES Extensive alterations 1970-1980 ca.		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Private, Residence for retired Episcopal churchwomen		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) National Register of Historic Places, R.M. Greenberg, U.S. Dept. of the Interior, Washington D.C., 1976; Historic Houses of America, Beverly Da Costa, (ed.), American Heritage Publishing Co., Inc., New York, 1971.		
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